

# Do Your CHRISTMAS SHOPPING In Grayling

## Crawford Avalanche

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### Community Xmas Fete December 24th

Kiddies, who each year receive a Christmas treat from what is known as the Community tree have George Burke to thank in a big way. It was Mr. Burke who first conceived the idea of a Community Christmas, and it is something like 15 years that he has been taking a lot of his valuable time making the rounds to solicit contributions to make the treat possible. It doesn't just take a few hours, it takes plenty of time. At first there were only a few hundred kiddies but the last few years it has grown to over a thousand.

There has been a movie at the Rialto Theatre besides the bag of sweets, but this year, as Grayling is free of any contagious disease the business men felt that it should be kept that way, so decided that the party should be an out of door affair where there is plenty of good fresh air. Mr. Burke had planned either a movie or a big dinner, but it was later decided to eliminate these and have just the treat.

So the regular annual Community tree will be held on Tuesday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock and good old Santa Claus will make an advance visit and distribute large sacks of candies and nuts to boys and girls.

### Mrs. John Holliday Dead

Mrs. Martha Holliday, wife of the late John Holliday, died Sunday in Blodgett hospital, Grand Rapids.

Mrs. Holliday and husband and son Marshall resided in Grayling for many years, where Mr. Holliday conducted a notion store in the building now occupied by Eggie Bugby. Mrs. Holliday taught piano and had a large class of pupils. They came to Grayling from Chesaning. Later they moved to Detroit, and then to St. Helens where Mr. Holliday died.

Following the death of Mr. Holliday, his widow continued her home in St. Helens. She became active in fraternal circles and was a former national president of the Ladies National League.

Last fall she went to Grand Rapids and entered Blodgett hospital where she remained a patient until her death. Her son, Marshall of Grand Rapids, survives. Interment was in Chesaning Tuesday.

### Firemen Hold Election of Officers

The Grayling Fire Department held their annual election of officers for the coming year at the fire hall Monday night, Dec. 16.

Officers elected are as follows: Treasurer—Neal Mathews. Secretary—Amos Hoesli. Auditing Comm.—R. LaMotte, H. King, and M. Case. Board of Trustees—A. Hoesli, L. Galehouse and M. Madsen. Sick Comm.—A. Hoesli and M. Case.

Publicity—E. W. Broadbent. The annual Christmas party will be held at the Grange hall Friday night, Dec. 20th, starting at 9:00 o'clock.

A lunch of coffee, sandwiches, cake, and jello will be served while awaiting the arrival of Santa.

### Dr. Newton Coming

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of Alpena. Eyes tested and Glasses Fitted. Grayling Dates: Jan. 5 and Jan. 20. Office completely equipped in Dr. Stealy and Dr. Miller's offices. Appointments can be made with Drs. Keyport & Clippert or Dr. S. Stealy.

### Johnson Funeral Held Saturday

Funeral services for Charles B. Johnson were held at the family home Saturday morning at 10:00 o'clock, Rev. P. C. Stockholm of the Grayling Lutheran church officiating. There were many old friends in attendance at the last rites of the deceased, who had been one of Grayling's estimable citizens for over 35 years. Interment was in Oak Grove Cemetery, Manistee, and the family were accompanied there by sixteen members of the American Legion Drum and Bugle corps, six of whom were the pallbearers. At Manistee the Johnson family were met by relatives, Mrs. Christine Hanson and three daughters, Louise, Flora and Inez and sons Carl and Willard and their wives and Mr. Alfred Hanson. Rev. Leo Broe officiated at the services at the chapel at Oak Grove cemetery in Manistee.

Mr. Johnson, who was close to 86 years old, passed away at his home at 2:15 o'clock Thursday morning following an illness of about a week. He had taken a bad cold and a couple of days later it developed into pneumonia, causing his death.

Mr. Johnson was born on April 1st, 1855 in Holstad, Hallan, Sweden. He came to the United States in the fall of 1872 and after a two years stay in New York City went to Pennsylvania, where his lumbering career began, and this is the work he followed throughout his life. Coming to Michigan in the 80's he found lumbering at its height and worked in the camps along the Manistee river. On July 12, 1886 he was united in marriage to Hansen Hanson, in Manistee, and after a couple of years residence there they came to Grayling and operated what was known as the Manistee House, that is now the Fischer Hotel, for a year. In about 1889 the family moved to Lewiston where Mr. Johnson built the Lewiston Hotel, which they operated for 15 years or until the lumber mills in that section shut down. In 1904 they went to Alpena to live and two years later came back to Grayling and this has been the family home since. In Grayling Mr. Johnson was employed by Salling Hanson Company until their mills ceased operations.

Mr. Johnson liked people and enjoyed his friends. He was always friendly and had a kindly smile for everyone. He was at the head of a fine family to whom he was ever devoted. He will be greatly missed by a large number of our citizens, especially those who have resided here for a considerable time. He was a member of the Danish Lutheran church and also a member of Grayling Oddfellow lodge.

Surviving the deceased besides his widow is one daughter, Mrs. Mollie Bosworth, and two sons Carl W. and Clarence, all of Grayling. Also two brothers Peter Johnson of Frederic and Adolph Johnson of Minneapolis, Minn. Those in attendance at the funeral from out of the city included Peter Johnson and two sons, Raymond of Frederic and William of Detroit, and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Merry of Gaylord. The family have the sympathy of many friends in their bereavement.

### Change In Ferry Service At Straits

The state highway department this week announced that with lessened traffic at the Straits following the close of deer hunting season, state ferry service has been reduced to two boats a day. The early winter schedule, effective December 1 to 15, inclusive, is as follows: Leave Mackinaw City and St. Ignace at 6 a. m. and every hour and one-half until 9 p. m., inclusive.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS!



### Claim Benefits By 8-Hour Nursing Plan

At a meeting of the Private Duty Section of the Grayling District of the Michigan State Nurses Association, held on December 4, 1940, at Mercy Hospital, the eight hour day for private duty nursing service was adopted, to take effect on January 1, 1941, replacing the twelve hour day now in effect.

This was accomplished following a round table discussion at an earlier meeting of the district nurses, at which time Miss Olive Sewell, executive secretary of the Michigan State Nurses Association was guest speaker, discussing the benefits of the eight hour day to the public.

The eight hour schedule of both staff nurses and private duty nurses at this time has been adopted in better than 70% of the hospitals in the United States, thus rendering more efficient services to the public.

Rates for the eight hour day will be as follows: Five dollars a day, plus nurses meals, or expenses for nurses' meals while on duty. Hourly nursing service in the home was also adopted at the following rate: two dollars for the first hour and fifty cents for each additional hour.

The people of these communities are fortunate in having the benefits of this schedule of nursing service, working in unison with the eight hour schedule already in practice by the staff at Mercy Hospital.

—Contributed.

### Church Giving Cantata

One of the Christmas features in Grayling is the cantata given at Michelson Memorial church annually. This year there will be a chorus of 20 voices, presenting "Christ Is Born." This cantata will be under direction of Mrs. C. G. Clippert, the same as on several previous similar occasions.

There will be candle light service beginning at 5:00 p. m. Another feature of the service will be a junior choir of about 50 voices. Also there will be other musical features, both vocal and instrumental.

### Greeting

To my friends in Grayling I extend a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
Eise Rasmussen,  
Detroit, Mich.

### Womans Club

The dining room of Michelson Memorial church was gay with bright Christmas decorations for the Christmas party Monday evening.

The tables at which the members and their guests were seated for the pot luck dinner were centered with lovely arrangements of greens, deer, Santa Claus' and lighted red tapers.

After the feast of good things, Miss Margrethe Bauman introduced a quartette of ladies Mrs. Roy Milnes, Mrs. Herbert Gothro, Mrs. Frank Bond and Mrs. Harry Hutchins, who sang Christmas carols. The "Little German Band" from the school next favored the guests with two selections.

Mrs. Willard Cornell announced the arrival of Santa Claus who distributed gifts to the guests with provision that they pass them back for distribution to under-privileged children.

The committee in charge were: Mrs. O. P. Schumann, Mrs. Louis Herberison, Mrs. Stanley Miller, Mrs. Harry Hutchins, Mrs. C. G. Clippert, Miss Eileen LaFave and Miss Josephine Nichols.

### SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

Christmas program to be heard at Michelson Memorial church next Monday evening. The public is invited.

The pastor's subject next Sunday morning will be "The Meaning of Christmas for This Day." Rev. H. W. Kuhlman.

### \$10.00 Reward

The City of Grayling will pay to anyone for information that leads to arrest and conviction of anyone stealing lights, wiring or other articles from Christmas trees or decorations.

When citizens go to the work and expense of trying to make their places attractive for the Christmas season, we intend to give them the protection they deserve.

GEO. BURKE, Mayor.

### CCC Enrollment

Any boy between the ages of 17 and 23 inclusive, who is interested in enrolling into the CCC, please call at the Relief Office before the first of January.

### Bowling News

The Grayling Restaurant quintet won over Hunter's Dairy Friday in a closely contested match, the margin of victory being 110 pins. Joe Cinciala was high scorer for the winners with a total of 581. He knocked down 222 pins in his second game for a three-game average of 193, and that's real bowling on any team.

#### Grayling Restaurant

Robertson	123	135	94	352
Wylie	130	167	149	446
Cinciala	170	222	189	581
Roth	176	118	96	390
M. Sheehy	126	134	173	433
Total	725	776	701	2202

#### Hunter's Dairy

Galehouse	173	153	121	447
Wirtanen	131	136	138	405
Gokee	169	157	99	425
A. Hunter	121	129	250	
B. Hunter	124	177	158	459
L. Hunter		106	106	
Total	718	729	645	2092

The Avalanche team played a group from Lovells Monday night, winning by a margin of 356 pins. Bidvia had the highest total for the Avalanche, 446, and also the highest single game, 182. The fellows from Lovells put up a good game and with a little more time on the alleys should make good competition for any Grayling team.

#### Avalanche

Rice	107	147	121	375
Mayotte	95	121	100	316
Sterling	102	165	132	399
Bidvia	132	132	182	446
Gierke	120	139	133	392
Total	556	704	668	1928

#### Lovells

Bud	120	119	109	348
Red	117	118	129	364
Mike	86	120	84	290
Jud	84	80	133	297
Ray	90	86	97	273
Total	497	523	552	1572

The first match play between women's teams will take place this Thursday evening. The school teachers will have a lineup opposing Mrs. Bidvia's group. Some of the girls have been getting some pretty good scores in practice and it wouldn't be a bit surprising to see some of the men's scores bettered.

Friday night, Hunter's Dairy and Jarmin's Insurance meet. Hunter's team has won two out of three games so far, and Jarmin's were victorious in their only match to date, defeating the Avalanche team last week.

(Game played Tuesday, Dec. 9)

#### Jarmin's Insurance

D. Gothro	152	141	143	436
Wright	126	122	248	
B. Moshier	139	147	122	408
Jarmin	132	166	114	412
Melichar	155	119	274	
Miller	119	93	214	
Total	704	692	596	1992

#### Avalanche

Mayotte	122	122	102	346
Rice	108	130	90	328
Anthony	148	106	148	402
R. Sheehy	135	124	115	374
Bidvia	132	144	163	439
Total	645	626	618	1889

Honors for high score last week went to Harold Jarmin, with 231, and Miss Lucy Moore, who had 149.

The Grayling Restaurant team won their second victory of the week by defeating Rasmussen Lumber Co. Wednesday night. The Restaurant sharpshooters took a lead of 90 in the first game, and although the lumbermen took the second tilt by 38 pins, the gap was too great to overcome and the final score showed a difference of 101.

Sam Rasmussen had the highest total for the losers, although Art May had a top of 207 for a single game. Richardson showed the way for the winners with 530, also top in individual scoring

with 170 and a pair of 180's.

#### Rasmussen Lumber Co.

Cardinal	119	114	145	378
May	106	207	147	460
K. Gothro	132	130	127	389
Lemke	136	161	144	441
Rasmussen	136	183	166	485
Total	629	795	729	2153

#### Grayling Restaurant

Wylie	134	157	168	459
Richardson	180	170	180	530
Roth	121	116	151	388
M. Sheehy	144	160	152	456
Cinciala	140	154	127	421
Total	719	757	778	2254

### Kiwanis Club Notes

It was Christmas time Wednesday noon for the Kiwanians and Santa Claus was there and there were Christmas carols and a lot of Christmas revelry.

Kiwanian Max Laage made a swell Santa and informed the members that he was happy to provide gifts and that the members should have a lot of pleasure out of them but before they left they were to leave the gifts to be distributed to boys and girls of Grayling.

To keep the financial slate clean, those in arrears for dues coughed up and now Treasurer Norra is smiling again.

The Kiwanis bowling team reported progress and some of the members are advocating that the gutter be placed in the middle of the alley instead of on the sides. Dr. Stanley Miller had high game score at Tuesday night's session.

The three-game standings of the players were as follows:

Granger—472; Stealy—402; Miller—486; Melichar—451; Penrod—487; Milnes—351, and Trudgeon—466.

Next week and the week following the regular meetings will be held on Tuesday noons instead

of Wednesdays in order to avoid a holiday meeting. Earl Burns, proprietor of the local Gamble store was voted to membership.

### Roscommon Meeting

Several members of Grayling Kiwanis club attended a meeting of the Houghton Lake Kiwanis club held in Roscommon Tuesday night. The meeting was held at the Roscommon hotel.

### Shop And Mail Early

With increased demand for postal mailings, it is important that the public shop and mail early. This means better mail service to the public and facilitates better handling and relieves the pressure of late mailings.

Be sure to wrap packages securely; make certain of addresses and write plainly. A special delivery stamp will assure delivery on Christmas day.

For further information consult your postmaster.

### 1941 Fishing Licenses Now On Sale

The conservation department mailed last week, but not for Christmas, more than a million 1941 fishing license forms to upwards of 2,000 dealers in all parts of Michigan this week and next. Of the total, 850,000 of the blanks prepared are for resident anglers; 150,000 are 10-day and 100,000 are annual licenses for nonresidents, and 100,000 are for the wives of visiting fishermen. With the licenses are distributed more than 1,300,000 copies of the 1941 sport fishing law digest.

## JEWELRY Gift is the PERFECT

### For Christmas!

GIFTS WITH BREATH-TAKING BEAUTY combined with rugged dependability will be found in our tremendous variety of things worth while in watches, diamonds, rings, lockets, bracelets, fessoons, desk sets, pen sets, silverware, dinnerware, woodenware, leather goods, etc.



Do Not "send away" for goods marked a dollar cheaper, and find that you get something with less gold content which will be a lot of grief to those who receive it.



SEE IT BEFORE YOU BUY—We challenge you to get the same QUALITY for LESS at any store or Catalogue House.

## The Mills Jewelers

We guarantee the quality and

WE WILL NOT BE UNDER-SOLD!!!

(Store Open from 9 A. M. to 9 P. M. Until Christmas)



We extend our best wishes for a Merry Christmas, filled with Happiness, Cheer and Gladness.

**A. Hummel  
& Son**



Merry Christmas and Good Wishes for the New Year. We take this opportunity to thank you for the patronage and for your good will which we have been permitted to enjoy during the past year. Your good will has meant much to us. We are happy to have been able to serve so many friends and we trust that we may merit your continued confidence in us. Accept our cordial good wishes for your happiness and prosperity. From the Management and Employees of

**HANSON CAFE**



May the Christmas Bells Ring in a Most Happy Season

**George Burke**

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MERCURY

CHRISTMAS CHEER



YEAR AFTER YEAR

Employer and Employees of The Alfred Hanson Service Station extend best wishes for a very MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR to the People of Grayling and Crawford County. It is our wish that the coming year may be to our city, county and nation a time of prosperity, good will and peace. To this end we pledge our best efforts in 1941.

**Alfred Hanson Service Station**



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May Christmas bring Joy, and Peace and Contentment, and may the New Year be one filled with Health and Prosperity. Your associations have made the past year happy for each of us and we trust these friendships may continue for many years to come.

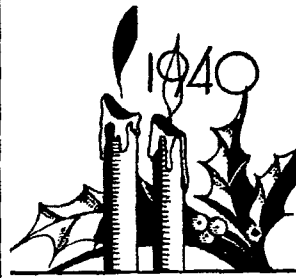
**Johnson Furniture Company  
A. J. Sorenson Funeral Home**



This is to wish you a jolly good Christmas and happy days in the coming year.

**Geo. Hanson  
Sinclair Station**

CHRISTMAS



A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Just the same old wish that we have sent during the years we have been serving you.

**Mac & Gidley**



Compliments of

**Grayling  
State Savings Bank**



THE BEST YET

That's the kind of Christmas we hope you have.

**Hanson's  
Sporting Goods**



And a bright and prosperous New Year.

**E. L. Hoesli  
Agent Standard Oil  
Company**



May you find Joy at Christmas and Happiness in the New Year.

**Mr. and Mrs. Norman E. Butler**



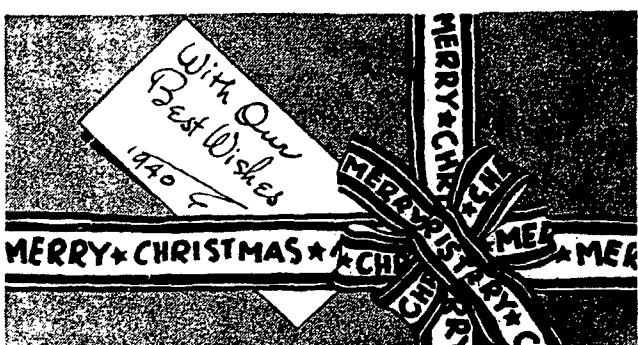
A YULETIDE WISH

To You...and You...and You

May Old Santa remember you with many things in token of our appreciation of the many kindnesses with which you have remembered us during the past.

**Cash & Carry Store**

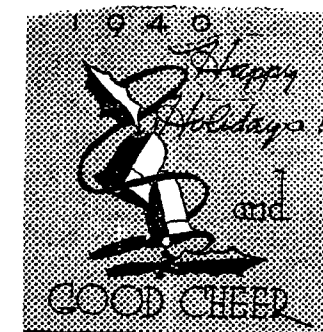
Minnie Hartley, Prop'r.



CHRISTMAS HAPPINESS

May it be yours to the fullest extent.  
Syraco Wood Pottery

**Helene E. Babbitt**



The merry season is at hand, and we hope that it contains a multitude of blessings for you.

**J. E. Schoonover**

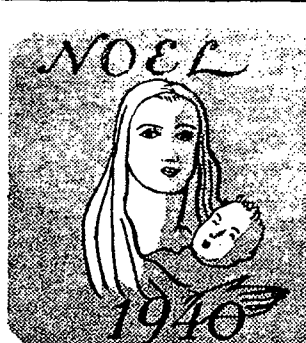
Buick Sales and Service

Texaco Products



I take this opportunity to extend sincere thanks to those who were my patrons during the many years I was in business in Grayling.

**Dan Hoesli**



To wish you a joyful and happy Holiday season.

**Frank's  
Grocery**

Frank Bridges, Prop.



AND A JOYFUL NEW YEAR

One of our resolutions is to serve you with increasing efficiency throughout the days to come.

**Parsons & Lamm**



ONCE AGAIN

We say "Thank You" for your friendly patronage and loyalty, and extend to you the Best Wishes of the Season, and the sincere wish that 1941 may be your best year.

**Hunter's Dairy**



## They Seek 12,000 Flying Students



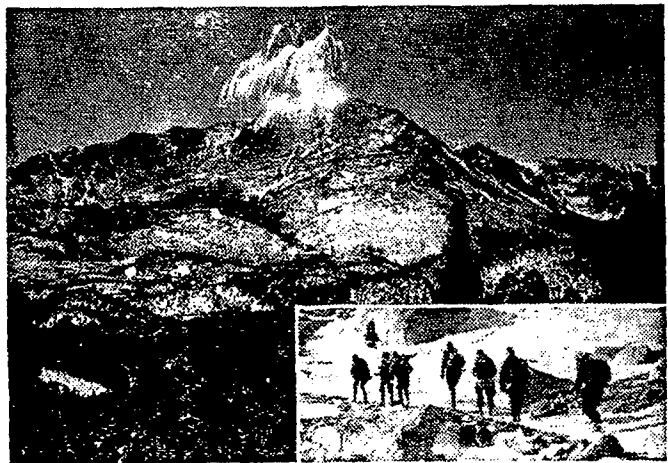
Lieut. W. Wittle Jr., assistant recruiting officer for the Philadelphia flying cadets, is shown (left) going over plans for the procurement of applicants with Lieut. Lawrence Semans, of the U. S. army air corps. Lieut. Semans is advance agent in a drive to get 200 Philadelphians to make up part of 12,000 flying cadets needed in the expansion program.

## 23rd Recipient of Donor's Blood



Mrs. Leslie Watts cheers her mother, Mrs. Hazel Farmer, victim of staphylococcus septicemia, who will be the twenty-third recipient of the blood of Mrs. Rose McMullin, of Washington, D. C. Mrs. Farmer, whose home is in Oklahoma City, was brought to Chicago to await the arrival of Mrs. McMullin, whose blood has saved the lives of 22 persons.

## AdAmAn Club to Scale Pikes Peak Again



To usher in the New Year properly 17 members of the AdAmAn club, which includes some of the nation's best mountain climbers, will scale the 14,099-foot Colorado peak on December 31, to set off fireworks. The club has been making this trip for the past 17 years, adding a member each trip (hence the name). Pictures show last year's "hike" and fireworks.

## Select America's Champion Liar



Number 1 Liar of America will be proclaimed December 31 by the Burlington Liar's club, of Burlington, Wis. Lower left: President O. C. Hulett at his desk reading some of the 17,000 lies entered in the contest. Several club members seem a bit dubious as he swears on a stack of dictionaries that the tall tales are true. A medal is awarded the champion liar.

Want Ads For Quick Results



Washington, D. C.

## BRITISH INVASION

The British are coming to Washington at a rate that almost amounts to a second invasion. Even in 1814, when the Redcoats burned the Capitol, their force was scarcely more impressive.

Actually there are 430 representatives of the British government in Washington today—130 members of the embassy staff, 300 members of the British purchasing commission and British air commission. The figure includes everyone—officers, clerks, messengers and chauffeurs.

The British embassy and chancery now is the largest diplomatic establishment in Washington, but it is not large enough. An annex has been added to care for an overflow of coding clerks and officials of the office of economic warfare.

Meanwhile the two British commissions occupy space in four other buildings. They started out in modest quarters in the Hibbs building, expanded to the entire top floor of the Willard hotel, added further space in the Adams building, and most recently have taken over Andrew Mellon's old apartment building at 1785 Massachusetts avenue to accommodate the air commission.

These are the British in Washington alone. In addition, the New York office of the purchasing commission numbers 1,000 persons, plus 500 inspectors who travel about the country testing the wide assortment of articles, from ships to airplanes, which are being purchased in the United States.

## U. S. RUBBER SUPPLIES

Should congress ever decide to investigate the National Defense commission it would unearth some appalling delays in the securing of the nation's raw materials—particularly rubber.

Real fact is that a fundamental difference exists between the defense commission and Jesse Jones regarding future rubber supplies. The commission believes that the production of synthetic rubber should begin immediately, and wants to give a subsidy of \$180,000,000 to American rubber companies. The subsidy would be necessary to offset the price of natural rubber, which sells for 18 cents to 20 cents a pound, whereas synthetic rubber would cost about 25 cents.

## Six Synthetic Rubbers

To this, the defense commission has been negotiating with various rubber companies, and the following are ready to co-operate if a subsidy is granted:

DuPont, which produces Neoprene. This company is by far the most experienced in the field, and its product has the highest production.

Standard Oil, which produces Butyl and has the license for U. S. production of the famous German synthetic rubber, Buna.

Goodyear, which produces Chemigum.

Goodrich, which produces Ameripol.

United States Rubber, which is working on a product, so far unchristened.

However, Jesse Jones doesn't believe that synthetic rubber needs to be produced on a large scale. He favors a small subsidy to one company as an experiment.

The defense commission counters with a forecast of what might happen should all our rubber be cut off in the Dutch East Indies. It emphasizes that machinery cannot be set up overnight to produce emergency rubber. Stettinius is really aoused, may appeal to the White House if he doesn't soon move Jesse.

## HOOVER VISITS CAPITAL

Although Herbert Hoover constantly shuttles back and forth about the country, he sedulously avoids Washington. The ex-President has a phobia against Washington under the New Deal.

Hoover's last public visit was last winter, when he appeared unannounced before a congressional committee in behalf of a loan for the then embattled Finns. But he spent the entire day here sub rosa last Sunday.

Hoover stayed at the swanky home of William R. Castle, undersecretary of state in his regime and one of the most active appeasement advocates in the country.

Hoover spent most of his time conferring with Castle and some old newspaper friends about his plan to force the British to open their blockade so that food can be shipped into Nazi-occupied Europe.

## CAPITAL CHAFF

Lovely Louise Atwill has had two husbands, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, former chief of staff, and her present actor-husband, Lionel Atwill. She says the closest she ever had to matrimony was with Herbert Hoover. She and Hoover were attending a wedding of two friends in Paris several years ago when the priest got them mixed up with the bridal couple and was about to unite them.

J. Edgar Hoover and a group of FBI officials are studying Spanish.



Non-partisan News Letter

Michigan Press Association

By GENE ALLEMAN

Lansing—Joy is lacking in Michigan today when the old nollay refrain is sung: "Yo, ho, ho! And a bottle of rum!"

With a nose federal grand jury returning indictments by the dozen as the result of a four-year-old investigation into the purchase and sale of liquor, this rummy business in Michigan is utterly devoid of "yo, ho, ho!" Believe us, mates!

Michigan is one of 14 states which have sought to control the sale of liquor for the purpose of preventing political, social and economic abuses. We have what is known as a "state liquor monopoly," and while the emphasis has been on revenue, nevertheless the monopoly has paid handsome dividends to the taxpayers for state and municipal activities. The consumer pays the usual prices, yet a slice of the profit goes to the state. European countries even have established monopolies for tobacco, or salt, or even matches—all for the purpose of revenue for public services.

## Both Parties

It is common law custom not to imply guilt until the accused has been convicted, and the innocence of a defendant is likewise assumed until court and jury decide otherwise.

Hence the grand jury indictments may be taken, for our purposes, only as a peg upon which to hang certain observations and interpretations, none of which will attempt to try the case in print.

In the first place, the grand jury inquiry has been under way for the past four years, two years of which were under Democratic control and the other two years under Republican control.

The indictments cover a period of eight years. It is also noteworthy to observe that the fluctuating independent voting block of Michigan's electorate has swung the political scales from one party to the other every two years in the past decade.

Frank A. Picard, of Saginaw, now a federal judge in Detroit, was chairman of the state liquor control commission during the first two years of the liquor control law in 1933 and 1934. Then came the first Fitzgerald administration with Judge John S. McDonald of Grand Rapids, a Republican, serving as chairman. After Frank Murphy, now a United States supreme court jurist, became governor on Jan. 1, 1937, Prof. Edward W. McFarland of Wayne university, Detroit, was appointed chairman as a Democratic member. The swinging pendulum back to Fitzgerald brought Orrin A. DeMass of Detroit, a Republican, into the position as commission chairman.

## Millions of Dollars

The making and sale of liquor is big business with two capital B's.

November sales in Michigan

exceeded \$3,500,000 of which 54 per cent were in Detroit. Package sales through private dealers accounted for 55 per cent of the state sales; licensees (clubs, taverns, etc.) 30 per cent, while the state liquor stores sold 15 per cent.

Detroit sales through private dealers or state stores were less than the state percentages, while purchases by the glass rose to 41 per cent instead of the 30 per cent state average.

Also of interest is the continued rising demand for hard liquors, and the lagging consumption of beer on the basis of pre-prohibition figures. Brewers have a real problem on their hands, not only to dignify their product through the control of social abuses but to maintain popular consumption of their product.

The distillers, too, have had a perpetual headache. The Michigan situation, if so determined in court, was apparently just one annoyance of many.

## Voluntary Control

It was seven years ago that the eighteenth amendment was repealed, and the liquor distillers have yet to solve the problem of stabilization through voluntary control.

Faced with a certainty that a repetition of liquor abuses, or lack of proper control would invite the ultimate return of prohibition, leading distillers sought to impose self-regulation. They proposed for themselves a czar such as Will Hays for the motion picture industry, or Judge Kene-saw Mountain Landis for organized baseball. Dr. Wesley Sturges, Yale professor, was selected to be director of the Distilled Spirits Institute.

The Institute sought to police its own affairs. The Michigan situation, wherein distillers are said to have made graft payments for the questionable (if not mythical) "privilege" of selling their products in Michigan, became just one of the numerous worries. However, disagreement among the distillers disrupted the liquor czar plan. Dr. Sturges resigned. A price war recently broke out in New York City and Chicago. The U. S. Treasury department, successor to the defunct federal alcohol administration, is threatening to invoke powers against unfair trade practices, while the Federal Trade commission is swinging a club against so-called collusive fair-trade enforcement which is another phrase for price stabilization to the industry, or price-fixing to the consumer.

## Dry Sentiment

A recent survey by the American Institute of Public Opinion, headed by Dr. George Gallup, revealed that dry sentiment has not increased sharply in the past year or so. The trend toward prohibition is still to crystallize. Majority public opinion still holds as socially acceptable the drinking of cocktails by both men and women.

The Michigan Anti-Saloon league recently abandoned an effort for an initiatory law to prohibit liquor sales outside of municipalities, and there has even been some talk of changing the name of this venerable organization, now headed by Senator Earl Burhans, Paw Paw.

But the federal grand jury activity is bound to provoke certain repercussions in the 1941 state legislature. It has opened up, once again, the ancient problem of controlling the sale and consumption of that bottle of rum.

## Christmas Card Was Invented By a Man With Many Friends



This is believed to be the first Christmas card. It was made in London in 1846.

CHRISTMAS cards are almost as much a part of Christmas as Santa Claus himself, yet they have been in use less than a century.

According to most records, the first Christmas card was designed in 1846 by Mr. J. C. Horsley, a prominent member of the Royal academy of London. It was produced at the request of Sir Henry Cole, a man with many friends.

Sir Cole wondered how he could express his personal Christmas greeting to a thousand friends spread throughout England. After dismissing the thought of visiting each personally, or giving presents, he decided to send them each a card by mail.

One thousand hand colored cards were prepared with a picture showing a jolly family seated at a huge

dinner table. Each member of the family was looking into a brimming glass which he held in his hand.

When these cards were distributed, they raised a furor among temperance proponents throughout the country. The disturbance focused nation-wide attention on the new greeting card.

It was not until several years later, however, that the first lithographed Christmas card made its appearance. Originality was almost completely lacking. The greeting was invariably "A Merry Christmas" or "A Jolly Christmas." Designs seldom had anything to do with the season, but contained pictures of birds, flowers, animals or children.

America soon adopted the British custom, and the Christmas card was born.

## The Pana-Canal

I've come to a land that is far to the south, Where grows neither spruce nor pine. An outlying possession, I'll tell you where, It's latitude north about nine.

The Pana-Canal where I've hung my hat Is a land that is lovely and tropic. The reason I'm here? Must I explain? Besides t'would be changing the topic.

Bananas grow wild by the side of the road. These are wonders the North doesn't know. Wild peccaries, pumas and panthers, and palms In a land that has never seen snow.

The birds are all most interesting With gay bright colored quills You'd laugh to hear their raucous songs And see their out-sized bills.

There's plenty of coconut milk to drink While enjoying the tropical breeze. T'will take your breath away to hear How melons grow on trees.

The natives live in palm-thatched huts On the many tiny ranches. Where the fence posts often start to sprout And send up little branches.

Drinking "Scotch" at Gardens is much fun. Watch Sadie do the splitz And finish off the wee-small hours By visiting Kelly's Ritz.

It's fine to be in Panama Sometimes I think I'll stay Down where the palms are whispering And the balmy trade winds play.

Then I long for a whiff of the northern pines Back home its nearly Christmas. What will I do without any snow? Away down south on the Isthmus?

By Gertrude Foley.

## Interesting Events In Grayling 23 Years Ago

INTERESTING ITEMS OF NEWS GATHERED FROM THE FILES OF THE AVALANCHE OF 23 YEARS AGO

## Thursday, December 20, 1940

Earl McMahon has resigned his position at the local Express office and has left for Detroit to make his home. Louis Burton is filling the position.

John Bugbee, employed at the DuPont Co. plant as time-keeper, had the misfortune to fall down the back steps of his home, Thursday, dislocating one of his shoulders.

Mrs. Herman Doroh was called to Tawas City Tuesday by the death of her sister, who passed away in a Bay City hospital Sunday.

Walter Doroh, who formerly took tickets at the moving picture show, suffered a painful injury Sunday, while cutting down a tree, to be used as a Christmas tree. The hatchet which he was using slipped cutting off the greater part of the thumb of his left hand.

Mrs. Peter Brown is recovering from an acute attack of indigestion.

Miss Eureka Deckrow and Mr. John Stephan Jr. were united in marriage Friday evening of last week by Rev. Aaron Mitchell. The bride is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Deckrow, and Mr. Stephan is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Stephan Sr., who reside down the Au-Sable. The young couple expect to make their home in Grayling.

Constable Mike Brenner had a narrow escape last night when a stranger whom he was taking to the county jail, suddenly jerked away from him and deliberately fired two shots at him, one bullet striking the officer in the neck just below the right chin and coming out just back of the place it entered. Had it not been for the prompt action of the officer in knocking his assailant down with his club, no doubt there would have been a fatal casualty to report today. The man was in town with an extra railroad crew, and had attempted to pass a forged check.

Mrs. J. J. Love was called to

Manistee Wednesday by the serious illness of a sister.

Miss Maude Tetu came home from Bay City Wednesday to spend the holidays with her mother and other relatives.

Fred Narrin has disposed of his general store business in Sigma and the family is moving to Lansing.

Mrs. Wilfred Cohen of Detroit arrived in the city Tuesday to spend the holidays visiting her mother, Mrs. Albert Kraus and other relatives.

Washington—Seventeen of the American engineers who dropped their shovels to pitch into the fighting when they were caught by the German advance in front of Cambrai were reported Sunday as "missing in action." Nearly all of them were from New York City or nearby. Reported as missing, the men may have been taken as prisoners by the Germans.

Lansing—Because it seems to be the policy of the war department to interpose a great force of Americans to aid in checking the German's western drive at the earliest possible moment, the ban on married men in the armed forces of the nation has been lighted so far as the volunteer army is concerned. The new order means the re-enlistment of many of the 500 guardsmen, who were discharged last summer because they had dependents. The boys of the thirty-second division, now training at Waco, Texas, will be the next contingent to leave for France.

Washington—Two "lightless nights" a week have been ordered by the fuel administration. Sunday and Thursday of each week are the days selected.

## Frederic News (23 Years Ago)

Mrs. George Horton and Mrs. Gus Shultz, were called to Grayling Tuesday by the serious illness of their father, Mr. J. Karnes.

Earl Barber, third son of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Barber, left Wednesday to join the Navy.

## German Priest, Schoolmaster, Wrote 'Silent Night'

"SILENT NIGHT," the favorite Christmas carol, was written by a German country priest and his friend, the schoolmaster of a neighboring village, for a Christmas now a century gone. After its first use in 1818, in a little Austrian town, it gradually made friends until it came to be known in all Germany and, in translation, in many other countries, observes a writer in the Cleveland Plain Dealer.

The author of the verses of "Still

Nacht! Heilige Nacht!" was Joseph Mohr, born in Salzburg, Austria, in 1792. He was ordained a priest in 1815, and when he wrote the song was assistant at Laufen, on the Salz, near Salzburg. Later he held pastorates in various other places, and died in 1848.

The schoolmaster of Arnsdorf, near Laufen, who wrote the music of this and also of a number of lesser known hymns, was Franz Gruber, born in Hochburg in 1797.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1940

### THE BISHOP'S TWO-THIRDS

(Baltimore Evening Sun)

Declaring that no law had been more maliciously mispresented or disregarded than the now defunct prohibition act, Bishop Ralph S. Cushman, president of the Anti-Saloon league, yesterday dwelt upon what he called the "substantial benefits" which prohibition brought to the nation. Among these benefits he asserted, was a one-third decline in the consumption of liquor and a rapid increase in the national wealth.

It is perfectly true that the prohibition law was disregarded—it was, in fact, unenforceable on that account. But consider the dry bishop's statement about a one-third decline in the consumption of liquor. Assuming, for the sake of argument, that his statement is correct, the we are by no means assured that it is, what about his willingness to return to a situation in which two-thirds of the gigantic liquor traffic would be in the hands of thugs, gangsters, gunmen, hijackers, racketeers, murderers—criminals of the vilest stripe imaginable? For that, in effect, is exactly what he proposes.

Prohibition gave rise to this breed of underworld gentry. The very names of many kinds of the most vicious outlaws were a product of the dry era. They operated without benefit of any law—except, of course, the prohibition law, which brought them into being. Two-thirds (or was it more?) of the gigantic liquor traffic paid no state or federal taxes, underwent no liquor control board supervision, bred contempt for all laws and disregarded every principle of decency. The "substantial benefits" of which Bishop Cushman speaks, the "rapid increase in wealth," went to the prohibition gangsters. Is it to this foul mess that the Anti-Saloon league would have the nation return?

## NEWS BRIEFS

Bill Joseph was at home for the week end from Lansing.

Walter Confer returned to Flint Sunday where he is employed.

Misses Mary Gretchen Connine and Gail Welsh spent Saturday in Saginaw.

Mrs. Albert Knibbs and daughter Alberta spent Tuesday in Bay City.

Mrs. James Cluff left Thursday for Detroit where she spent a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Heath returned Friday after a few days spent in Flint.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Babbitt and son Howard and Mrs. Max Laage spent Tuesday in Petoskey.

Grant Thompson attended the funeral of J. H. Grover in West Branch Wednesday afternoon.

Miss Yvonne LaGrow of Detroit spent the week end here visiting her mother Mrs. Alex LaGrow.

Mr. and Mrs. Chester Brandt and children and Mrs. Orel Turner of Saginaw spent the week end visiting relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Lovely and Mrs. Liwyn Doemire and son spent Sunday visiting Mrs. Kestenholtz in South Branch.

Misses Emilie and Kirsten Stockholm entertained the Danish Junior Ladies Aid society at their home Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Lovely and daughter of Gaylord spent the week end visiting the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lovely.

The AuSable Valley Sunday school will have their Christmas program at the Grange Hall Sunday at 10 a. m., with a pot luck dinner at noon. All down river folks are cordially invited.

Interwoven Socks at 3 pairs for \$1.00 and up, at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Einer Rasmussen and daughter Karen, of Marlette, spent the week end visiting Mrs. Rasmussen's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Gierke. The occasion was Mr. Gierke's birthday anniversary.

Don't forget the annual Christmas sale of the Grange to be held at their hall Friday, beginning at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon and lasting throughout the remainder of the day. There will be holiday greens for decorations, gifts, baked goods, vegetables and apples.

Children and friends of Mrs. Paul Lovely gathered at the home of Mrs. Susie Bouslay Saturday evening to surprise Mrs. Lovely, it being her birthday anniversary. Pinocle and bunco were enjoyed, with honor scores being held by Mrs. Joseph Kernosky, and Middle LaMotte for pinocle, and Mrs. Howard Hasmer and Rollo Failing for bunco. A very nice lunch was served and Mrs. Lovely was presented with a gift.

Skj jackets, pants, shoes and mitts in all sizes, at Olson's.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Sweeney and children spent Sunday visiting in Traverse City.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moore and daughter, Gloria, spent Saturday in Saginaw.

McGregor plaid sport shirts make fine gifts at \$5.00, at Olson's.

The annual Christmas party for the members of the catechism classes of St. Mary's church will be held at the parish hall Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Balch are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, born to them Sunday, December 15, at Mercy hospital.

Hubert Babbitt has arrived home from Battle Creek where he is employed, and will spend a few days visiting his mother, Mrs. Reuben Babbitt.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Skingley left Friday for Tice, Florida, where they will spend the winter months visiting the former's uncle, William Skingley.

Mr. and Mrs. Patrick McKay are happy over the arrival of a son in their home. The babe weighs 7½ pounds and his name is William Edward.

Mrs. William Randolph returned home Tuesday after spending the past two weeks visiting her daughter, Mrs. Stanley Stephan and family at the Soo.

Mills Jewelers is putting out one of the most attractive calendars we have ever seen. It is a reproduction of the picture Home of My Childhood by Claude Strachan.

Mrs. Ruth McWilliams has returned to Grayling after a ten days visit in Flint.

Mrs. Charles Meisel and children expect to spend the holidays in Bay City and Detroit.

Christmas program at Free Methodist Church, south side, Sunday evening at 7:30.

House Slippers at 65 and up for the whole family, at Olson's.

Anyone desiring a building lot at Lake Margrethe, see Lionel McClain. Lot 150 x 75 feet.

Don Kangas, Harold and George Smith of Detroit spent the week end visiting here.

Springers for your holiday dinners. Order not later than Dec. 22 for Christmas, and not later than Dec. 28 for New Years.—Chas. Corwin.

Tom Welsh was unfortunate in having two logs roll on his leg at the mill at Big Bay. The leg was fractured but Tom is getting along nicely at the hospital there.

Mr. Welsh left Monday for Big Bay to be with his son until he is able to be moved to Grayling.

Yule Log Cake

This year you may want to make a "Yule Log Cake." It's quite simple. Spread over a jelly roll a jelly fruit nut mixture. Roll quickly and wrap in waxed paper. Then chill until set. Cover with chocolate French pastry icing. The "bark" can be made by making grooves with a fork or pastry tube. You'll want some "knot holes" in your Yule Log Cake. Small white and green candles will do the trick. The "log" should be kept chilled until time to serve.

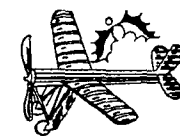
Thanks, Al

There comes to our desk a 12-page folder, setting forth in pictures mostly, Grayling's importance in the Winter Sports world, an importance that has grown on that community in leaps and bounds, as they have been privileged to have the need of natural resources for winter sports projects and have been far-sighted enough to see and take advantage of those opportunities. Lots of things have contributed to that importance, but mostly a dynamic, not afraid, desire to do, not delegate it all to some faithful "George" to do, but happily, whole heartedly and enthusiastically unite in a Winter Sports plan that has taken hold like wild fire. The pictures on that newly produced folder are all of winter sports events and happenings in the past. It is attractive, enticing and vividly pictures what really does happen down there toward making the winter visitors happy, satisfied and determined to come again the next year where the variety of the program and entertainment is greater than the year before. Grayling's enthusiasm about winter sports has won them the way to pursue strings that have made unbelievable accomplishments possible. If this winter keeps right on making the kind of winter we have already experienced, Grayling will have to cry for help to take care of the milling thousands that will crowd in there from all over the middle west. This little observation is just a prelude to the big show.—Al Weber in Cheboygan Observer.

Our store will be open every night until Christmas.



Make this THEIR gayest Christmas by insuring their holiday and future pleasure with our superior quality, long lasting toys. Made by skilled craftsmen, these outstanding toys are sure to please. Come in today before the Christmas rush and while stocks are complete.



**Model Airplanes**  
This set includes all materials and instructions needed

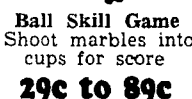
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15 in. in diameter, red case

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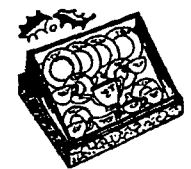
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15 pieces of beautiful, miniature chinaware in red and gold

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22 Cal. Rifles

A beautiful slide action, solid breech model. 24-in. blue steel barrel, chambered for regular or high speed bullets. Stepped adjustable rear sight

\$19.95

**Sleeping Dolls, Wetting Dolls, Cuddly Dolls and Teddy Bears**

25c to \$2.98

**Burns Gamble Store**

## Highway M-208 Is Now M-72

The local State Highway Maintenance Garage will take over the maintenance of the newly acquired stretch of road which has been known as M-208, on January first, and the number will be changed to M-72. Highway 72 begins at Harrisville, and instead of stopping at the junction of 76 and 72, has been changed to go on through to Grayling from Luzerne. The stretch between 76 and Luzerne is now 144.

On the new maps it also shows that 76 from Grayling to Kalkaska has been changed to 72, so that 76 now ends at the State Garage in Grayling. From the shore of Lake Michigan at Empire begins a small stretch of highway which is numbered 72 and is about seven miles long. Some day this highway and the 72 that ends at Kalkaska will be joined by a new road, making this a cross state highway.

This will be a great accomplishment for the State Highway department, and will join many cities that have otherwise seemed so far away.

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## The Weather

Two below zero is the coldest we have had since our last weather report Thursday of last week, and that day was Saturday at 6 a. m. The warm sunshine all day melted the snow considerably, and made an ideal day for Christmas shoppers. By evening the temperature had dropped again to 18 above.

Sunday morning started out cold at 10 above and by evening was 25, with a slight rain. Monday was the warmest with the mercury standing at 30 both at 6 a. m. and 6 p. m. This morning at 6 o'clock the temperature was 28 above zero and the sky is clouded, which will probably mean either rain or snow.

Los Angeles Water Supply  
Los Angeles has spent \$1,250 for each man, woman and child living there is developing its water supply



**'TIS THE SEASON TO BE JOLLY**

and it is the season to wish you and yours the best of everything in the New Year of 1941. May it be filled with happiness!

**Sorenson's  
Quality Food  
Store**

## STRATO-LINE JEWELRY by HICKOK

Top-flight in smartness, these new Initials... presented by Hickok on half-a-dozen needfuls. For the well-turned-out men on your gift list... turn out now to see and choose!



New automatic knife, opens at a touch. Knife, nail file and bottle opener... \$2.50

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Strato-line key chain by Hickok, with smart easy-on ends... \$2.50

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Strato-line Initials on Hickok buckle and tie bar, \$1.50 each. Matching Alligator Grip collar bar... \$1

**Hickok Glass or Leather belts and suspenders .50 to \$2.50**  
**Hickok Key Chains - \$1 to \$2.50**  
**Hickok Tie Chains and Clasps - .50 to \$1.50**

See the Hickok line at

**OLSON'S**

## To Speak On National Grange Program

Representative Roy O. Woodruff, Tenth Michigan District, will be one of the speakers on the Farm Home Hour, National Grange program, on Saturday, December 21st, at 12:30 P. M., over the Blue Network of the National Broadcasting System.

Congressman Woodruff's subject will be, "A National Emergency and the Industrial Mobilization Plan."

Philippines Bishop Denis Cardinal Dougherty, of Philadelphia, was the first American Catholic bishop in the Philippines.

## Want Ads

**WANTED**—Saw logs. Jack, Norway and white pine. Pioneer Log Cabin Co., Inc., Roscommon, Mich. Phone 29-J. 12-19-3

**\$10.00 REWARD**—for the arrest and conviction of person or persons who tried to break into and enter Muhr's "Riverside" cabin on the AuSable river, east of Clare Madsen's. Also cutting of Christmas trees on this property will not be tolerated and anyone caught will be prosecuted. Frank J. Muhr, 5132 Cooper Ave., Detroit. 12-19-3

**FOR SALE OR RENT**—Seven room house, Benson estate property, corner of State and Alger. 165 feet river front. Inquire of Esmond Houghton. 12-19-3

**FOR SALE**—Tubular skates, one pair size 8, one pair size 4. Also pair of ladies hockey skates, all in good condition.—Fay Christenson.

**FOR RENT**—Office building on Cedar street. Basement, furnace, water, electricity, fine location, large plate glass front. Now used by the Michigan Public Service Co. Call Harold Fredberg, district manager, Cheboygan.

**STRAY DOG**—Found near Mud Lake swamp on highway 208, Friday, Dec. 13. Owner may have same by paying costs and calling at John Schofield, near South Side school. 12-19-3

**LOST**—Gold watch chain and knife, about Nov. 23. Finder please return to Sam Rasmussen or Avalanche Office.

**CABINET WORK** of all kinds. Cupboards and other cabinets made to order. Also cedar chests. See Niels Nielsen, 602 Park Street, Grayling. 12-26-2

**WANTED**—Listings on large tracts of wild land and farms; also resort property. Write full particulars. Fred Jones Realty Company, 314 North Saginaw St., Pontiac, Mich. 12-12-2

**HOUSE FOR RENT**—Modern. 507 Ottawa street, corner Maple street, Grayling. Phone Leng Garage, Fredric.

**HOUSE FOR SALE**—Six rooms. Also oil burning heater and wood range. Phone 2641. Mrs. Foryst Barber, 805 Chestnut street. 12-12-2

**GOING TO FLORIDA?** Live in trailer. Rent free. Write us for particulars. Alma Trailer Sales, Alma, Michigan. 12-5-3

**DRESSED HOGS** for sale—See Eugene King. Phone 3701, Grayling.

## Season's Greetings

So that we may not overlook any of our many friends we take this opportunity to wish all of you a "Merry Christmas." We sincerely hope that good fortune will follow you in all your plans during the coming years.

**Olaf Sorenson & Son**  
Sporting Goods



**WE EXTEND OUR CORDIAL GREETINGS**  
of the season and our Sincere Wishes for your Happiness and Prosperity during the coming year.

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Lon Collen, Proprietor



## Our Wish For You

May your Christmas this year be a time of happiness and jollity, a time for renewing old friendships, a time when everyday cares may be forgotten and the true spirit of the Yuletide season be realized.

During the years we have been a part of this community we have formed many friendships, and for them we are deeply grateful. It is not often that we have an opportunity to express this gratitude, and that is why we are happy at this time to extend to each of you our very sincere wishes for

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May it bring you all your heart's desires—May it be the very best Christmas you have ever had!

**CRAWFORD AVALANCHE**

## News Briefs

THURSDAY, DEC. 19, 1940

Henry Jordan spent Saturday visiting in Detroit.

Nylon or silk hose in Xmas boxes, at Olson's.

John Selesky left for Detroit Sunday, where he expects to be employed.

Mr. and Mrs. Esbern Hanson spent the forepart of the week in Detroit.

Mr. and Mrs. Ted Morris of Mackinaw City were in the city visiting friends Saturday.

Keep in mind the bake sale to be given at Connine's Grocery Saturday afternoon by St. Mary's Altar society.

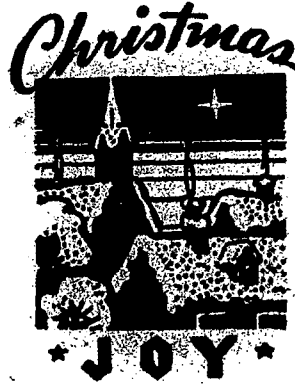
Leonard Burr has closed his Pepsi-Cola bottling works, located next door to the Hotel Annex, and is leaving for Flint.

Apostle H. S. Armstrong, one of the quorum of 12 missionaries of the Church of Christ, left Friday for Sidney, Australia, Malay Peninsula, and Japan. He sails on the Oranga from Vancouver, B. C., December 26th. Apostle Armstrong's home is in Maple Forest.



Wishing you a Christmas of Cheer and a New Year of Happiness.

**Emil Niederer**



We wish to thank our customers and friends for their loyalty to us during the past years. It has been a pleasure to serve you.

We extend to all a Hearty Christmas Greeting.

**Grayling Lumber & Supply Co.**

**Grayling Fuel Co.**

Jack Callahan of Pinconning was at the parental home Monday to visit his father, B. J. Callahan, who is quite seriously ill. The American Legion Auxiliary had their social meeting at the Legion Hall Monday evening, and sewing for the Red Cross was the pastime. Lunch was served.

Mr. and Mrs. Merlin Jordan, daughter Deliah and son Alfred and the former's father, Joseph Jordan of McIvor were guests at the Henry Jordan home Sunday.

Mrs. Henrietta Love returned home Saturday from Ste. Clair Shores, Mich., where she had been visiting the David Vismaw family since the forepart of September.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Papendick of Cedar Lake are happy over the arrival of a son, Lawrence Joseph born to them Sunday, Dec. 15. The lad weighed 9 pounds at birth.

Mrs. Marie Hanson, Miss Eva Madsen and Charles Winget spent the week end visiting the former's sons Holger Hanson and family, and Waldemar Hanson and family in Saginaw.

A truck stopping at George Hanson's Station Friday evening about 5:30 caught fire, making it necessary to call the City Fire department. While the attendant was filling the gas tank, fumes from the gas were ignited by a lantern that was being used to heat the cab. There was slight damage to the cab of the truck.

J. H. Grover, lumberman, and for several years a resident of Riverview on the Manistee river, passed away at his home in St. Helen Monday morning. Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the St. Ignace Funeral Home in West Branch with interment in the cemetery there. Surviving the deceased is his widow, Elsie, one daughter Getta of St. Helen, and a son James, of Detroit.

The Moose Basketball team journeyed to Roscommon Thursday night and played against the Roscommon Ramblers, coming out on top to the score of 42-32. Bowen and L. Marshall were high point men. Friday night, December 20, the Moose team will go to Houghton Lake and play the Houghton Lake Independents. This will be a good game, so let's see as many as can down there to cheer for the Moose team.

A \$30,000 fire wiped out the Ford garage in Kalkaska. The fire is believed to have been caused by an explosion. The building was a total loss as well as its contents which included seven automobiles. It was about 50% covered by insurance. The entire city was threatened but by the assistance of the Mancelona fire department this was averted.

Carl W. Peterson has taken over the distribution of the Buckeye Brewing Company beer. That company has been in business over 100 years and boast of a beer that is brewed in the slow way, the method that has made European beers famous. Carl says Buckeye beer costs more to brew and is better for you. He further says "drink to your health! Drink Buckeye beer."

Mr. Harold Fredberg of Cheboygan, manager of the Michigan Public Service Co., was in Grayling last week Thursday and stated that their local office would be closed some time in January. Service collections would be made at the Olaf Sorenson & Son store. He also said the Company was installing a new power plant near Boyne City. While it was not definitely determined, it was his belief that the new plant power would be Diesel engines.

Traverse City can feel very happy and can thank God it has in its midst a labor element that refuses to be herded into the folds and is satisfied to take its labor problems up with the industrialists themselves and not delegate controversies that may rise to outside agencies. Because of that independent action on their part they have no doubt prevented such a break down as we suffered here when a small group of easily persuaded girls of our city fell for a promise of higher wages—less hours, and less work. The Traverse City vote that directly involved less than two hundred employees of one firm was two to one against joining up to pay regular dues to an outside agency.—Cheboygan Observer.

# HINTS FOR CHRISTMAS

## A List of Practical Gifts for All

### Ties

Botany wool, silks and silk and wool

Hundreds to choose from

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Linen Handkerchiefs

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**\$1.00**

Beautiful

### Scarfs

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### House Slippers

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A gift he will appreciate

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Outdoor

### Sport Jackets

Waterproof poplins, Wool Jackets and Mackinaws

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## Outstanding Gifts for Women

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Boxed Handkerchiefs

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## City Council Proceedings

### RECORD OF CITY COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS

Special meeting held on the 9th day of December, 1940.

Meeting called to order by Mayor George Burke.

Councilmen present: Burke, Jensen, Carlson, Sales, Milnes. Absent: None.

Moved by Burke, supported by Jensen, that the following resolution be accepted, approved and adopted.

Yea: Sales, Jensen, Burke, Carlson and Milnes. Nay: None.

Whereas the municipal light and power plant of the city of Grayling has been in operation for nearly one year, during which time the operation thereof has been highly successful, and the light and power service furnished therefrom to the city has been far superior to the light and power service received by said city prior to the construction of said plant, and

Whereas, upon petition of many property owners at or near Lake Margrethe, who are dissatisfied with the electric service they now receive, said city is now in process of extending its lines to service the Lake Margrethe area, said extension to be completed on or about the end of January, 1941, and

Whereas said extension when completed will reach to the near vicinity of the Hanson Military Camp at Lake Margrethe, and with little effort and small expense can quickly be extended to service said Camp, and

Whereas the City of Grayling believes that it can furnish more efficient and satisfactory electric light and power service to said Military Camp than it now receives, is willing to extend its lines to service said Camp, at rates to be mutually agreed upon, and

Whereas said City further believes that efficient and satisfactory electric light and power service is not only desirable but also of the highest necessity for the proper operation of said Military Camp, now therefore,

It is Hereby Resolved that the facts relative to the furnishing of electric light and power service by the municipal light and power plant of the City of Grayling to the Military Camp be explained to the Military Board of the State of Michigan, and that request be made to said Board to enter into an agreement with said City for the furnishing of said electric light and power service, and

Be It Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be furnished to said Military Board and that such other and further steps as may be necessary be taken to properly present this matter before said Board.

Moved by Milnes, supported by Carlson, that the following resolution be accepted, approved and adopted.

Yea: Milnes, Carlson, Burke, Jensen, and Sales. Nay: None.

Whereas a great number of the citizens of Grayling and of the county of Crawford have requested the Common Council of said City of Grayling to take some action urging the use of the Hanson Military Camp at Lake Margrethe for the training of troops to be used in the National defense, and

Whereas it is the belief of said city that said Military Camp is a highly desirable camp for the training of such troops, and can and should be made into a permanent all year camp for such purposes, and

Whereas it is the further belief of said City that said Camp is ideally located for the proper training of troops, both in summer and winter maneuvers, now therefore

It is Hereby Resolved that requests be made to the proper authority for the establishment of a permanent training camp at said Hanson Military Camp, and

It is Hereby Further Resolved that a copy of this resolution be furnished to said authority and that such other and further steps as may be necessary be taken on behalf of said City to urge the

occupation and use of said Camp for said purpose.

Moved by Burke, supported by Jensen, that the proposal of the Kerry and Hanson Flooring Company to install a 500 gallon per minute pump and equipment, to replace one of the city's 250 gallon per minute pumps now in operation, be granted on the following conditions:

1. That the City shall not be obligated to pay any of the cost of the installation of the new pumping equipment or the removal of the old.

2. That title to the new pumping equipment shall be vested in the City of Grayling on installation and acceptance.

3. That the installation and operation of the new equipment shall meet with the approval of the City Engineer and the State Department of Health.

Yea: Burke, Jensen, Carlson, Sales and Milnes. Nay: None.

Moved and supported that meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

George A. Granger, City Clerk.

## Scientist



Dr. A. F. Blakeslee, president of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, who is presiding at the annual meeting in Philadelphia—From Dec. 27 to Jan. 2.

## When Christmas Came



The Fireplace Glowed With Logs.

BRICE HARPER stepped from her train happily. A whole month, with Christmas only ten days away. That meant nearly three weeks for after-Christmas jollification, skating, visiting round with old friends and just squatted before the big fireplace reading and talking. Wouldn't Aunt Margaret and Uncle Jake be pleased and surprised, for she had not written. After three steady, grinding, monotonous years in the department store, it would be heavenly.

She flashed a look down the platform. Yes, there was wooden-legged Sam, the expressman. Things hadn't changed a bit in three years.

"Hoo-hoo!" she challenged. The old expressman looked up, stared, then stumped forward. "Blest if 'tain't Brice Harper!" he cried. "Back among your old friends ag'in. Fine! Come to stay, or a visitin'?"

### House Is Deserted.

"Just visiting, Uncle Sam—two whole weeks, though. Out to Aunt Margaret Holmes. After three years! I'd never have believed I could stay away that long. But 500 miles—too far for a poor girl to afford paying fare for a few days' vacation. Now it's a month, though, because I haven't taken a vacation in so long. Can you take me and my trunk right out? I'll ride with you, and—"

"Ain't ye heered—had no letter ner nothin'?" asked the old man, whose face had been growing troubled.

"No-no. Anything the matter?" "No, except they ain't there. Your Aunt Marg'ret said Christmas was so lonesome here she couldn't spend another like the last. So two, three days ago she an' your Uncle Jack went into the next county to spend Christmas with a cousin who has a passel o' children. I was by there yes-day, an' the house did look dismal all shot up."

"Isn't there any one to look after them?"

"One o' the Dill boys was asked to, I believe. He—"

A shrill hail came from a store front across from the station.

"Say, Brice," wheedled the old expressman, "would ye mind waitin' three, four seconds? That mad shouter was Storekeeper Tomson. Been 'spectin' a box o' Christmas stuff more'n a week, an' 'twas jest throwed off this train. S'pose I take the box 'cross to him, then come an' carry you an' the trunk out to any o' your girl friends? They'll all be glad to have ye visit 'em."

But Brice had been thinking rapidly.

### Invites Girl Friends.

"Take the box over to the store, Uncle Sam," she said, "and I'll run across to the post office while you're gone. I want to write some postals. And no, I won't embarrass any of my girl friends. You may carry me right out to the farmhouse. I know where Aunt Margaret hides the keys, and I'm perfectly sure she and Uncle Jack would want me to go right there and use everything as my own. I'll take care of the poultry," enthusiastically, "and I'll roast one of the turkeys for Christmas and cook everything that goes with it, pies and cakes and all. Won't it be fun!"

"You can invite a lot of your girl friends to eat with you," grinned the expressman, entering into the spirit.

"Afterward," agreed Brice. "They'll all want to eat at home on Christmas. Then we'll have a round

of nice times. But for the real Christmas I'm going to depend on their postals. There are lots of nice girls in the department store who haven't any home and who will have to depend on the cheap boarding-houses they live at. I'll write a postal to Aunt Margaret and to five or six girls I know will be glad to spend a week or ten days with me. And say, Uncle Sam, I'll look round and then make out a list of groceries and other things I want you to bring out, and—any place where I can buy a Christmas tree?"

"Ain't none better than grow right down on your uncle's place."

"All right. I'll get the Dill boy to help, an' we'll rig up a nice one."

"Need any Christmas present stuff?" chuckled old Sam. "Mebbe ye'd like to see Tomson pry the cover off that box."

"Deed I would," promptly. "I'll be right over from the post office."

The girls condemned to a prospective boarding-house Christmas accepted Brice's invitation relievedly. On the third day Old Sam brought the hilarious five out in his ancient express wagon.

Then the girls piled in like a whole jolly Christmas in itself, and the old farmhouse seemed like to burst itself. The Christmas tree was cut and drawn home with all the appropriate songs and carols and huzzas they could think of, and trimmed as never a Christmas tree had been trimmed before. Dressed in all sorts of costumes, the happy girls sang hymns hour after hour, quitting only when they were too tired to continue.

And then, right in the midst of it the hearty voice of Uncle Jack roared through the door, mellowed by the softer, happy laugh of Aunt Margaret.

"I'm going to have that dinky post office over there indicted," guffawed Uncle Jack. "Kept that postal four days before the R. F. D. delivered it. Fifteen minutes after that we were on our way. Of course, we had to come. Five more girls to help wake the old house up! Whoopee! Why didn't you write so we needn't have left the lonesome place?"

Need More Food.

"Why didn't you write so I'd have known what to expect?" retorted Brice.

"Lucky none of us did," laughed Aunt Margaret. "For then we might not have these five extra nice girls. Come, I must get into the kitchen."

"But we've cooked and cooked, and cooked, till—"

"Not enough," declared Aunt Margaret firmly. "No matter how much you've done. There are all your old friends that must be invited to come—though they'll come anyhow. And we must invite a lot of extra young people in evenings to help keep things going. Then—my land! There's a wagon-load outside. Cousin Mary didn't want us to leave, so we brought 'em all along. Jack's going into town this evening to buy what he can find. If any of your girls want to go along he'd like your company."

"But, Aunt Margaret, we've got a tree ram-jammed full," protested Brice.

"Not enough," firmly. "We can pack on the floor under the tree. Now I'm going into the kitchen. Can't you see, girls," her firm voice dropping pathetically, "being Christmas, I've just got to cook something."

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## MORTGAGE SALE

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A piece of land contained within and bounded by a line commencing at a point ninety-eight feet north of the intersection of the northerly boundary line of Alger Street, with the east boundary line of the Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section seven, Town twenty-six, North, range three west, running thence west seventy feet, thence north about one hundred seventy-six feet to the southerly edge of the AuSable River, thence easterly along the southerly edge of said river to the west line of highway along the east side of said northeast quarter of southeast quarter of section seven, thence south along said west line of said highway about one hundred seventy-six feet to the place of beginning, being a part of section seven, town twenty-six north, range three west, City of Grayling, County of Crawford, Michigan.

Dated December 12, 1940.

Walter Buck,

Assignee of Mortgage.

Merle F. Nellist

Attorney for Assignee of Mortgage

Grayling, Michigan. 12-12-40

## STATE OF MICHIGAN

(Don L. Lepley Estate)

The Probate Court for the County of Crawford.

At a session of said court, held at the probate office in the city of Grayling in said county, on the 7th day of December A. D. 1940.

Present: Hon. Charles E. Moore Judge of Probate.

In the matter of the estate of Don L. Lepley, deceased.

Keith D. Lepley having filed in said court his petition praying that the time for the presentation of claims against said estate be limited and that a time and place be appointed to receive, examine and adjust all claims and demands against said deceased by and before said court.

It is Ordered, That two months from this date be allowed for creditors to present claims against said estate.

It is Further Ordered, That the 24th day of February, 1941, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, at said probate office, be and is hereby appointed for the examination and adjustment of all claims and demands against said deceased.

Charles E. Moore,

Judge of Probate.

12-11-4

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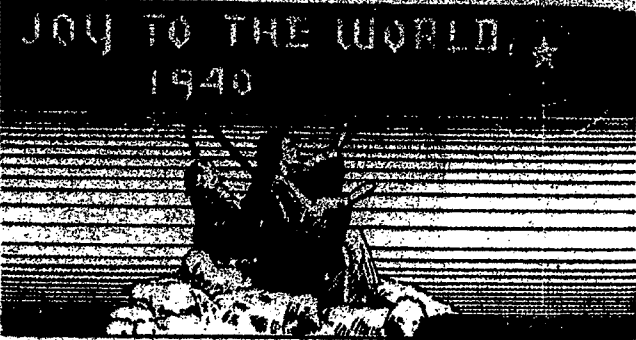
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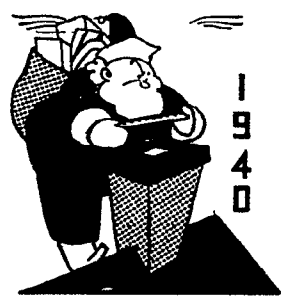
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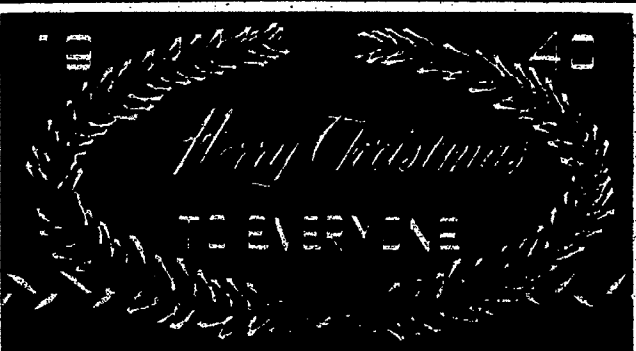
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## Northern Lights

High School Editor—Jean Stevenson.  
Grade School Editor—Betty Christenson.

### Senior Studies

This week we are interviewing Louise Annis. Louise's hair is light brown and she has blue eyes. She was born July 6, 1923 in Beaver Creek. She is a fairly stout girl and 5 feet 8½ inches tall. Louise attended Beaver Creek schools up until the eighth grade. She has continued through high school at "good old Grayling High". She has chosen an interesting hobby which is stamp collecting. Louise also enjoys skiing as a winter sport.

Her favorite subject is history. She has no favorite song. Lilacs are the choice of flowers, especially in spring. Besides five subjects she belongs to the Hostess Club. Her ambition is to do secretarial work therefore she is planning to attend business college in Bay City soon.

### Winter

I am always excited when the first snow falls and most other people are too. There are a few people who look at snow with a chill running down their spine when they think of a long winter ahead. The things that these people have in mind are that snow causes the leaves to go from the trees, causes birds to go south because they can't find food and causes withering of the flowers.

But if birds, the leaves and flowers were here all year around they wouldn't seem half as wonderful to us as they do now. So snow is really helpful to us and what great fun it is. If it was not for snow you couldn't do the countless things that help you to pass your time such as skating, sliding and skiing. Also trees laden with glistening snow help to make the woods attractive for travelers.

Making a snowman is great fun too, especially if you try to make him look like someone you know. Best of all snow is such clean fun. It seems that no matter how hard you try it's impossible to get very dirty. All-in-all snow is a wonderful thing indeed and I think most everyone agrees to this, or at least I hope so.

Irene Tahvonen,  
Eighth Grade.

### Snow Fun

The light shines on the sparkling snow  
As you walk along it seems to glow.

Winter is the time of year  
To make the children full of cheer.

The snowflakes flutter like a bird  
And Christmas songs will soon be heard.

Winter sports are good for one  
And are also lots of fun  
To ski downhill with perfect skill  
Or take a merry run.

I like to watch the snow in flight  
As it covers all the ground so white,  
And watch the children playing around  
And building snowmen on the ground.

By Leonard C.

### Snow

I like the snow in the winter time  
So glistening and white.  
When the light from the stars  
and moon above  
Make it sparkle in the night.

I like to play in the snow; that is,  
If the wind is blowing mild.  
But I don't if the wind is blowing hard  
Nor does any other child.

I don't mind any time of year,  
Spring or summer or fall.  
But I really think that winter  
Is the merriest time of all.

Faith Nolan,  
Eighth Grade.

### Home Economics Club Dance

The Home Economics Club gave its first dance of the year in the gymnasium last Friday evening. The gym was decorated with large pine boughs tied with red bows.

Music was furnished by Nelson's Orchestra of Gaylord. All those who attended had a most enjoyable evening.

### Eighth Grade News

The Eighth grade English classes have been very busy the past week decorating the large tree which Howard Deckrow brought to school.

Bonnie Glerke and Marjorie Andrus made strings of popcorn while other girls have made gay colored chains.

The classes will have a party Friday morning.

### Home Economics News

All Home Economics Classes are working on Red Cross diapers in their odd moments. The Eighth and Ninth grade Home Ec. classes are bringing food to make Christmas baskets for the poor families of Grayling.

All Home Economics Classes are working on Christmas decorations for the room. They are still looking for a second hand chair.

### Kalkaska Defeats Grayling

Last Thursday Grayling played their first home game and were defeated by a team which was very good on their shots. Kalkaska had played three games before this and had lost by very close margins.

Again it was heigh that accounted for most of the points. Kalkaska's center made ten points.

There was a fairly large turnout for the game but we hope there will be much larger ones in the future.

Grayling will go to Harbor Springs Thursday, which is Coach's home town, and we know he will be glad if we can win.

The second team won it's first game this season by beating Kalkaska reserves 23-17. The first team's score was 24-20 in favor of Kalkaska.

We hope everyone who can will make the trip to Harbor Springs. Do not forget to come to the next home game, Saturday, January 4th.

Bob LaChappelle.

## CCC Camp Requires Complex Form

(Submitted by A. K. Braidwood, Project Supt.)

Parents of Civilian Conservation Corps enrollees and other interested citizens have but little conception of the complex organization required to operate the average CCC camp. Nearly everyone knows that enrollees are well clothed and comfortably housed; that the average enrollee gains pounds in weight during his "hitch"; that many complete elementary school, high school and college training, or learn trades and acquire skills while in the camps; that the CCC built a dam, or fire tower or developed a state park in the vicinity, but few people know that different groups of people are responsible for each of those various accomplishments.

The seventy-fifth Congress of the United States of America passed an Act establishing the Civilian Conservation Corps for the purpose of providing employment and vocational training for youthful citizens of the United States, who were unemployed and in need of employment, and, to a limited extent, for war veterans and Indians, through the performance of useful public work in connection with the conservation and development of natural resources of the United States and that at least ten hours each week should be devoted to general educational and vocational training. The President was empowered to appoint a Director, with the consent of the Senate, to direct the activities of the Corps in carrying out the purpose of the Act.

Three agencies cooperate directly with the Director in organizing the Corps. The Civilian Conservation Corps Division of Selection, through its representatives, selects those eligible for enrollment. The United States Army and its affiliates examine, enroll, house, clothe, feed and provide medical attention for the enrollees.

The Bureau of Education of the United States Department of Interior provides an educational adviser and much instructional material for each camp and cooperates with local schools and other organizations for providing educational and vocational training in the camps.

When all of the above mentioned agencies have completed their initial organization duties, a vast supply of labor is then available for the accomplishment of the needed conservation work. The Corps can rightfully be considered a labor agency. It has no work projects of its own but relies on the various conservation agencies to provide approved types of work for its members to do.

At this point several other public agencies are brought into the picture. The U. S. Forest Service, U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Soil Conservation Service, National Parks Service, U. S. Indian Service, and various State Conservation Departments are some of those charged with the conservation and development of the Nation's natural resources which provide the work on which the Corps is engaged. They are usually referred to as the "using agencies or services." In addition to planning and laying out the work for accomplishment by the Corps, theirs is also the responsibility for selecting the supervision required to bring to the desired state of completion the scheduled work.

Thus, when the camp is established, the work provided, the selectees enrolled and the supervision provided, we find in each camp, three different agencies represented. The Army personnel engaged in housing, clothing, feeding and looking after the welfare of the enrollees. The Bureau of Education representative or Educational Adviser planning and coordinating the educational and vocational training facilities of the camp and the "using Service" personnel training the enrollees to do the work and supervising them while they are engaged on the work projects as well as procuring the necessary tools, equipment and materials required to complete the work.

## Grange Notes

The meeting of December 7th was well attended and plans were made for the annual Christmas sale, Friday, Dec. 20th.

There will be all kinds of Christmas greens, live trees, cones for your fireplace, gifts, baked goods, vegetables, apples. Don't forget the place, at the Grange hall. Starts at 11 a. m. Saturday.

Saturday, the 21st, is regular meeting day. Dinner at 12:30. Meeting will be called at 1:30 so please try and be on time.

## Notice

I will be at my home any evening and all day Saturday until 4 p. m. for the purpose of collecting township taxes.

Clarence Small, Treas.,  
Beaver Creek Twp.

## Designs Ready For New Ski Jump

Plans have just been received for the construction of the junior ski jump. These plans were drawn by the Parks Division of the Department of Conservation from specifications approved by the Central Ski association.

This junior jump will be located on the site of the ski jump of the old Winter Sports Park. It will have a 40 foot tower and on fast days should allow jumps up to 80 feet. Composed entirely of white pine timbers set on concrete footings it will have a long life if properly maintained. The footings and jump are so designed however that a steel structure can later be substituted. Considerable grading must be done on the old jumping slope before it meets official ski jump specifications.

The National Park Service and the State Parks Division had expected to construct the junior jump for use this winter and in anticipation had sawn out all necessary timbers and lumber. Since the season is now so far advanced construction will be postponed until spring and a temporary jump with a 36 foot tower built for immediate use by the Winter Sports Association and the Hartwick Pines Camp.

The Kerry and Hanson Flooring company have been given the work of kiln drying and planing 10,000 board feet of lumber to be used as roof boards on the toboggan house. The roof of this structure is of heavy construction requiring 2 inch by 6 inch matched boards laid over large purlins which are in turn carried by huge trusses.

## Special Dangers Of Winter Driving

Prompted by the fact statistics show an annual rise in the accident rate during the early days of winter, State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy this week warned motorists of the special dangers of winter driving.

Kennedy pointed out that while it was the constant aim of the highway department to maintain roadways as free from snow and ice as possible, winter driving conditions require a change in summer driving habits. "Increase in accidents at this time of year," Kennedy said, "is accounted for by the fact that motorists must become accustomed to winter driving habits. They must learn how to stop on snowy pavements. Some persons wait until they have a close call before checking up on defrosters and other equipment used in winter driving."

Kennedy also took occasion to warn motorists against "frost skidding." He explained maintenance crews were unable to sand roads to eliminate the hazard since it disappears, in the absence of snow and ice, in the first few minutes of sunlight.

Said Kennedy: "A road may look safe because it shows only hoarfrost, but that thin film of exceptionally slippery frost is a distinct threat to the motorist who depends on it for a braking surface or to hold his car from skidding on abrupt turns."

## Flying Cadet Training Now Open At Navy Recruiting Stations

Announcing a change, effective today, in the Navy Department, Commander Carson R. Miller, Recruiting Officer, stated that applicants for Navy flying cadet training may now apply directly to their nearest Navy Recruiting Stations.

"Young men over 20 and under 27 years of age who are single and have been American citizens for at least ten years, are eligible, providing they have two years of accredited college training and can pass our physical examination. Such young men will receive four years of flight training in the Navy and the opportunity of reaching the rank of Lieutenant Junior Grade in the Naval Reserve or in the Regular Navy. Pay during this period is from \$75.00 to \$245.00 per month, not including quarters and subsistence," said the Commander.

It was pointed out that men who had failed in the examination for Army flight training are not eligible.

## Public Notice

Beginning Tuesday, December 10, I will be at the Town Hall, City of Grayling, for the purpose of collecting taxes. I will be there on every Tuesday and Saturday until the 10th day of January.

CLARE MADSEN,  
Grayling Twp. Treasurer.

## First to Send In Xmas Seal Proceeds

The Love school in Beaver Creek township, with Lloyd Dumond as teacher, was the first in Crawford county to send back proceeds from the annual rural school sale of tuberculosis Christmas seals, the Michigan Tuberculosis Association announced today. Many of the schools are requesting more seals as the sales this year are going higher than ever before.

The seal sale in rural schools is usually conducted on a competitive basis. This year, the children are divided into two teams: one called Microbe Hunters, and the other, Germ-Chasers. Children sell the seals only in districts where it is difficult to reach all purchasers by any other medium.

The tuberculosis Christmas seal pennies bring many health education activities and programs to schools. Sound movies are available to parent-teacher associations and schools; the Wolverine Health Bulletin is distributed monthly to all rural schools as an aid to both teacher and pupil in their health programs; and many school health plays and songs will be sent out during the coming year.

This program has been carried on for many years by the Michigan Tuberculosis Association with the purpose of making better health habits a part of education.

## Notice

1941 Dog Tax is now payable at the County Treasurer's office. Pay early and avoid the penalty. 50c male, and \$1.00 female.

Wm. Ferguson,  
County Treasurer.

## Church News

### GRAYLING LUTHERAN CHURCH

Sunday, December 22

10:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

11:00 A. M.—Danish Services and communion.

Tuesday, December 24

5:00 P. M.—Candle light services in Danish.

Wednesday, Dec. 25

11:00 A. M.—Christmas services in English.

Thursday, December 27

7:30 P. M.—Children's Christmas tree.

Friday, December 28

2:30 P. M.—Senior Ladies Aid at Mrs. Jesse Sales'.

MICHELSON MEMORIAL CHURCH

Sunday Services

10:00 A. M.—Bible School.

11:00 A. M.—Public worship. Public is invited.

H. W. Kuhlman, Pastor.

CHURCH OF CHRIST

(Woodburn schoolhouse in Maple Forest)

Meetings

9:30 A. M.—Sunday Service.

11:00 A. M.—Sunday School.

8:00 P. M.—Evening Service. Everyone welcome.

Chas. H. Hodge, Pastor.

CALVARY CHURCH

The Book—2 Tim 3:16

The Blood Heb 9:22

That Blessed Hope, Titus 2:13

Mission Station

216 Alger St.

Pastor, F. D. Barnes.

Sunday Services

Sunday School ..... 10:00 A. M.

Young People ..... 6:45 P. M.

Preaching ..... 7:30 P. M.

Midweek Services

Tuesday—Prayer ..... 7:30 P. M.

Thursday—Everybody's Bible Class

You Are Welcome

FREE METHODIST CHURCH

Corner Shellenburger and State

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord."

Sunday Services

Sunday School ..... 10:00 a. m.

Preaching ..... 11:00 a. m.

Y. P. M. S. ..... 7:00 p. m.

Preaching ..... 7:30 p. m.

Mid-Week Services

Friday ..... 7:30 p. m.

O. H. Lee, Pastor.

A. J. Sorenson

Funeral Home

Ambulance Service

Phone—3671

Fewer Strikes

U. S. bureau of labor statistics shows there were 159 less strikes in 1939 than in 1938. The total number was 2,612.

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## Making Plans For Holiday Driving

State Police Commissioner Oscar G. Olander and State Highway Commissioner G. Donald Kennedy today gave Michigan motorists something to think of in making plans for holiday driving.

During the five week period from Dec. 1 to Jan. 4 last year there were 120 fatal accidents in Michigan, according to state police reports, as compared with a total of 97 for the same period in 1938.

Contrary to popular belief, the commissioners revealed that Christmas was the most dangerous day of the entire holiday season to be on the highways, surpassing even New Year's eve or New Year's day in the number of fatalities recorded.

Said the commissioners: "Accidents increase in number and seriousness as the Christmas-New Year week approaches. Last year 10 fatal accidents were listed from 4 p. m. on Christmas eve until 12 p. m. on Christmas day, an increase of three over the preceding year and the greatest number for any like period during the entire season."

"It would seem the greatest Christmas present Michigan motorists could give one another would be a determination to eliminate careless driving which accounts for most of the deaths."

The New Year holiday was shown as being a comparative safe period as compared with Christmas. Last year five fatal accidents were recorded on New Year's eve and New Year's day, Detroit Sunday Times.

an increase of one over the previous year.

Motorists were also warned to be on the alert while driving in rural areas, especially during the late afternoon and at night, under which conditions the big majority of fatal accidents occur. Of the 120 fatal accidents during the five week holiday season last year, it was revealed 98 of them occurred in rural areas after 5 p. m.

"This would indicate," the commissioners said, "that the safest way to assure a merry Christmas for everyone would be to plan your trip so as to be able to reach your destination without taking any unnecessary risks. In rural areas many safeguards are not available that are provided in cities and the motorist must discipline himself against indiscretion accordingly."

The percentage of drivers found to have been drinking prior to fatal accidents was only slightly higher during the holiday season, according to the state police reports. From the yearly average of between 12 and 13 per cent, the number advanced to 14 per cent during the five week holiday period.

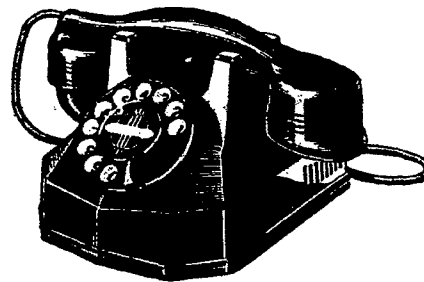
## "MY FIVE YEARS AS A RED SPY IN RUSSIA"

Edmund Ruzanski, a Michigan engineer, discloses—in The American Weekly with the December 22 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times—how communism has degraded Russian women, and tells how, instead of a Workers' Paradise he expected to find under Soviet rule, he found a Workers' Hell. Be sure to get the December 22 issue of The Detroit Sunday Times.

Something Practical?

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## Frederic News

Mr. and Mrs. Ursel Cox spent Sunday afternoon in Grayling.

"Chick" Welch arrived home last week for a visit with his family.

A gasoline stove at the school house kitchen exploded Monday. All children marched to safety. No one was injured. Supt. Lee extinguished the fire.

The baby son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Welch was taken to the hospital and had part of a button removed from its throat, which he swallowed about Oct. 30. He is much improved at this writing.

Ina Shaul of Lake Pleasant, N. P., is here visiting her sister, Mrs. Ace D. Leng.

Mrs. Maude Shorts was very pleasantly surprised Sunday, it being her birthday. Guests included Mr. and Mrs. Walter Carlson and family of Roscommon, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Bigham of Maple Forest, Mr. and Mrs. Otto Fesler of Mancelona, Mr. and Mrs. Louie Shorts of Grayling. All had a very pleasant day and left lovely tokens as well as wishing many more birthdays.

Mrs. John Olson of Deward has moved to Frederic with her son, Carl Olson.

The school will have their Christmas tree Thursday night (tonight) in the auditorium, with a program. All invited.

We are sorry to learn that Eli Forbush has been on the sick list for the past week.

Springers for your holiday dinners. Order not later than Dec. 22 for Christmas, and not later than Dec. 28 for New Years.—Chas. Corwin.

## Recreational Notes

In the area of which Mr. Clough is supervisor, Leo Lovely was sent to the Winter Sports carnival and training center at Marquette and Ishpeming. This training consisted of construction of all winter sports, such as building toboggan slides, toboggans, skis, and snowshoes.

Ewald Ospland, one of the best skiers in the north, gave instructions in skiing.

All this valuable information is to be brought back to the leaders in the various counties to better their winter sports activities in the recreational program.

There were some very interesting speakers attending this conference. Mr. Epply of the National Park Service, Nebraska; Mr. Beresford, National Training Director, WPA Recreation, Washington, D. C.; Mr. C. B. Hedcock of Northern State Teachers College, and many others.

This program is sponsored by the Michigan Works Project Administration, in cooperation with local organizations.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to acknowledge with sincere thanks the many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy in our recent bereavement of the passing of our husband and father.

Mrs. Charles Johnson and Family.

### APPRECIATION

I personally wish to have the members of Grayling Drum & Bugle corps know that I sincerely appreciated their attendance at the funeral services of my father.

Clarence Johnson.